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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRD, GW

SUBJECT: TEXTILES: MFA RENEWAL

REF: (A) STATE 26272 (NOTAL), (B) BONN 1937

1. EMBOFF ASKED KUEHN (FRG ECONOMICS MINISTRY) WHETHER HE COULD SPELL OUT MORE FULLY HIS SUGGESTIONS FOR DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT OF THE MOST COMPETITIVE LDC'S (SEE REF B). KUEHN EMPHASIZED THAT THE FRG IS INTERESTED IN RESTRICTING THE GROWTH RATES OF IMPORTS OF ONLY A FEW PARTICULAR ITEMS SUCH AS SHIRTS. HE INDICATED THAT THE FRG HAS NO FIXED IDEAS OF HOW TO DO THIS, NOR OF WHAT TACTICS TO USE IN OBTAINING LDC ACCEPTANCE OF THIS APPROACH. HE DID THINK THAT IT WOULD BE BEST TO MAKE IT CLEAR AT THE BEGINNING TO SUCH PRODUCERS AS HONG KONG AND KOREA THAT THEY WOULD HAVE TO ACCEPT SOME RESTRICTIONS ON THE GROWTH OF THEIR EXPORTS.

2. ACCORDING TO KUEHN, FRENCH TRADE MINISTER ROSSI  
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AND ECONOMICS MINISTER FRIDERICH'S DISCUSSED MFA RENEWAL BRIEFLY DURING THE FEBRUARY 3-4 FRANCO-GERMAN SUMMIT AND AGREED THAT BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN AT THE EXPERT LEVEL. THESE DISCUSSIONS WILL START ON FEBRUARY 14 IN BONN. KUEHN BELIEVES THAT THE FRENCH (AND BRITISH) INTEREST IN GLOBALIZATION CAN BE MET BY AN INTERNAL EC ARRANGEMENT WHICH WOULD PROVIDE

FOR QUICK EC IMPLEMENTATION OF SAFEGUARDS IN THE EVENT  
OF A RAPID UPSURGE OF IMPORTS FROM LDC'S NOT  
FALLING UNDER THE DIFFERENTIATED TREATMENT SCHEME. KUEHN  
EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE NEED TO REACH AN INTERNAL  
EC COMPROMISE QUICKLY, IN ORDER TO AVOID AN ALL-OUT  
CLASH WHEN THE MFA IS TAKEN UP AT THE MARCH 8 SESSION  
OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS COUNCIL.  
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